

R-101

History of Early Settlers of Town of Ashford and Auburn K to S

*Information on Klecker, Kohler, Lenling, Pool, Suckow, and Schrooten
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Notes on the sources of the short biographies found in this folder (Research of Brenda K. Siemers):

Nearly all of the bios found in R-101, and indeed also in R-099 and R-100 are taken from one of three sources:

- HISTORY OF FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN. CHICAGO: WESTERN HISTORICAL COMPANY, 1880 (Hereafter referred to as **Source A**)
- FOND DU LAC COUNTY WISCONSIN PAST AND PRESENT. MAURICE McKENNA, Volume II, 1912 (Hereafter referred to as **Source B.**)
- PORTRAIT AND BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF FOND DU LAC COUNTY, WISCONSIN. CHICAGO, ACME PUBLISHING COMPANY, 1889 (Hereafter referred to as **Source C.**)

The few remaining bios are from unknown sources.

The Campbellsport Area Historical Society has copies of the first two sources (1880 and 1912), but the front section of the 1880 book is in very poor condition. CAHS does not have a copy of the 1889 book. It is written in a style very similar to the 1880 and even the 1912 books. A copy of the Table of Contents for Volume I of the 1912 book and of the Index for Volume II of the same can be found in F-21

The following is a chart showing the names of persons whose bios appear in R-101.

Source A is the 1880 work.

Source B is the 1912 work.

Source C is the 1889 work.

Name	Page in hard copy in comb-bound book	Source	Page in that source
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Klecker, Frank	1	A	969
Klotz, Marcus	15	B	475
Knickel, David	18-19	B	206-207
Kohler, L.C.	1	A	969
Lenling, William	1	A	969
Loebs, John	7-8	C	451
Luce, Ira	14	A	964

McCullough, James	30-32	C	401-402
McCullough, Michael L	13	B	46
Michels, Rev. Father	14	A	964
Mitchell, Martin	11	Unknown	
Paas, John H	27	B	30
Petri, Louie	16	B	208
Piehl, William	12	B	641
Pool, William	2-3, 14	B	16
Pool, William Jr.	20, 24-25	A	964
Prehn, William H	26	B	552
Romaine, B.D.	10, 23 (same)	A	964
Romaine, Ralph	9, 10	A	965
Scheid, Jacob	17	B	70-71
Schimmelpfenig, John	21-22	C	474
Schmidt, Charles	28-29	C	493-494
Schrooten, Henry	5-6	C	440-441
Senn, Dr. Nicholas	33	Unknown	
Suckow, Charles	4, 10	A	965
Vandervoort, Dr. Michael	33	Unknown	

In addition to the persons listed above, there is a small amount of information on the history of Long Lake, and of Asher Armstrong, after whom Armstrong is named (p. 35). There is also a list of doctors of Eden and Osceola Townships in the early years (p. 34).

Page 36 lists of a number of persons in Ashford Township whose surname is Scheid. The legal description of the land they owned is given, as given in various Atlases.

Note that some of the above names also appear in R-099. Persons desiring a copy of any of the bios not printed here may request a photocopy from CAHS.

Here follow copies of five of the bios.

Note:

“Sic” indicates that a word was entered as it was written, even though it appears misspelled.

Any other note that follows an entry is in italics

Frank Klecker

Frank Klecker, farmer, Sec. 7 P.O. Ashford, born in Austria in 1849; the family came to America in 1854; his father Frank Klecker Sr. Bought wild land on Sect. 8 in Ashford; five acres of this was cleared on which was a log house; this family did good work at clearing the heavy timber and building; sold this farm in 1865 and settled on their present farm of eighty acres; on this Mr. K. Has built a tasteful home and other substantial buildings; his mother died in June, 1878, his

aged father is still living with him. Married Miss Joanna Veith, a daughter of Joseph Veith in September, 1877; they have two children- Andrew Albert and Mary A. Mr. Klecker is independnt(*sic*) in politics, and votes for men that he trusts; the family came to America with nothing and their farm and home is the reward of industry and good management.

L.C. Kohler

L.C. Kohler, shoemaker and dealer, Campbellsport; born in the town of Ashford, Aug. 27, 1856, his parents having settled on a farm here in 1854; after his schooling in this town, Lorenz, at 14, began learning his trade in Theresa; spent two years there, and eight months in St. Killian; when then on the farm awhile, afterward in the town of Wayne, and some months in Chicago; reutrning(*sic*) to Campbellsport, he worked in the shops here nearly three years, and , in February, 1877, began business for himself; has the only boot and shoe store in the village and is doing good business as all goods sold are of his own make, and warranted. Married Miss Mary Mischler, Feb. 12, 1877, by whom he has a son- John. Mr. And Mrs. Kohler are Roman Catholics, being Independent in politics.

William Lenling

Willaim Lenling, erchant(*sic*), Elmore; born in Prussia in 1844; he was educated there and came to America in 1857; after two years spent in Wayne, Washington Co., he settled on a farm in Ashford where he lived until 1869 when he bought a farm in Lomira, which he sold in 1871, and opened a saloon in Elmore; has added a good stock of dry goods, groceries, hardware, tin and glassware, crockery, notions, etc., is doingwell(*sic*) as he has the only complete stock in the village. Married in 1874, Miss Wilhelmina Goety and has four children- Adelina, Albert, Bertha, and Wilhelmina. Politics, Republican, and Lutheran in religion.

William Pool

William Pool is a native of Wisconsin, the son of a pioneer and is one of the best known among the early settlers in Fond du Lac county. He is the leading merchant in Campbellsport, is president of the village and has been its postmaster since 1870, serving continuously with the exception of four years during Cleveland's administration. His large general store is intelligently operated and conducted along modern and progressive business lines, entitling him to be ranked among the important forces in the growth and development of the village. He was born in Walworth county, April 10, 1846, at Gardner's Prairia and is a son of William and Mary (Bell) Pool, natives of Scotland. The father was born in 1816 and crossed the Atlantic to America in 1832, making the journey alone. His father was a general merchant in Scotland and sent his son to Canada to open a store. He was accompanied by a clerk, who was to aid in the conduct and management of the business but the enterprise never came to an issue. William Pool, Sr., went into the office of the Imperial land commissioner and here he worked for four or five years. In the meantime the Bell family, consisting of Mary, John and George, had come to Canada but not liking that country, moved to into what was then the territory of Wisconsin, settling in Gardner's Prairie. The father of our subject soon followed and in 1839 settled in thatsection(*sic*), where he married Miss Mary Bell. He afterward rented land and followed general agriculture in Walworth county until 1846. In September of that year he came to Fond du Lac county, purchasing eighty acres of land in Auburn township, to which he later added an adjoining eighty acres. The property was covered with heavy timber and had never been touched by a plow. Mr. Pool built a log house on it and for more than forty years made this his home. He was one of the earliest

pioneers in Wisconsin, a successful, prosperous and enterprising farmer and a loyal and upright citizen. He died soon after his retirement from active life, at the home of his daughter Margaret, in Auburn township, at the age of seventy-seven. His wife passed away in 1879, when she was sixty-three years of age.

William Pool, of this review, was one of eight children born to his parents. He was educated in the district school and attended the high school at Omro. He then became a student in the De Land Business College at Fond du Lac, fitting himself in all commercial branches taught there with the intention of becoming a merchant. In 1867 he came to New Cassel, now Campbellsport, and after a year spent as a clerk in Helmer's store he purchased an interest in the business, which was afterward operated under the firm name of Pool, Helmer & Weise for one year. At the end of that time Mr. Helmer sold his interest to his two partners, who continued the operation of the business until 1875, when Weise sold out to J.V. Harter. The firm name was then changed to Pool & Harter and the enterprise was constructed under this title until 1887, when Mr. Pool purchased his partner's interest in the business and has since been and independent merchant. He has one of the largest and most attractive stores in Campbellsport and seeks always to keep his lines complete and his stock attractively arranged. His ample patronage is evidence of his success.

In 1877, Mr. Pool was united in marriage(*sic*) to Miss Martha L. Angel, a resident of Atlanta, Illinois, whose birth occurred in Waynesville. Her father, A.L. Angel, was born in Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Pool became the parents of three children: Mary, who died in infancy; Jesse L.; and Arthur, who passed away at the age of twelve. Mrs. Pool belongs to the Baptist church.

In his political views the subject of this sketch is a consistent republican and is one of the public-spirited citizens of his community. He is president of the village of Campbellsport, where his power of organization and his constructive energy are prominent factors in his successful administration. He has been postmaster since 1870, having been appointed to this position when the town was still called New Cassel and having served continuously with the exception of the four years of Cleveland's presidency. He is justly numbered among the important business men of his section and his integrity and sagacity are well known. He is public-spirited in a marked degree and gives his loyal support to every movement which tends to advance the best interests of his county and home loyalty. He has aided his town in growth and development in a business, political and social way, evidencing in all his activities the loyalty, energy and unselfish interest which are the essential qualities of public spirit.

Charles J. Suckow

Charles J Suckow, miller and Postmaster, New Prospect, born in Ozaukee Co., Wis, 1848; his parents removing to Sheboygan Co., he learned the miller's trade and lived there until he was 17, then went to Crawford Co., Wis., then went to Missouri and remained three and one-half years, then made an extended trip through Kansas, the Indian Territory, Texas, Mexico and Colorado; returning from Denver to Wisconsin, he spent about a year in the Plymouth mill, and in January, 1875, in company with William Ecke, he bought the farm and mills of Gerret Romain; Mr. Eberhardt bought out Mr. Ecke, in 1877, constituting(*sic*) the present firm of Suckow & Eberhardt, Mr. S. being in sole control, as Mr. E. is a Sheboygan Co. farmer; Mr. Suckow rebuilt his saw mill several years ago, and has added two large basement barns to his buildings. Is a Republican, and was made Postmaster in 1879, and was a Supervisor in 1877. Married Miss Lillie Eberhardt, a daughter of his partner; they have three children- Otto, Gustie and a babe; the

family are Lutherans.

Henry Schrooten

Henry Schrooten, one of the prominent farmers and pioneer settlers of Auburn Township, residing on Section 16, was born in the month of May, 1824, in Prussia, and is a son of Herman and Anna Schrooten. His father was a farmer by occupation, and followed that business throughout his entire life. In 1802 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Schurman, and their union was blest by the birth of nine children, seven sons, and two daughters-- Arnold, the eldest, is now living in Germany; Peter, who resides in Milwaukee, is an employee of the gas company of that city; Henry, whose name heads this sketch, is the next in order of birth; John is deceased; Jared is living in his native land; Deiderich has also passed away; Herman and Elizabeth are living in Germany; and Margaret is also deceased.

The subject of this sketch passed the days of his boyhood and youth on the